

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

SPECTREVISION INDUSTRIES LLC,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 1:22-cv-01852-JPH-MPB
)	
ALMOST NEVER FILMS INC.,)	
DANNY CHAN,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER ON JURISDICTION


Plaintiff, Spectrevision Industries LLC, has filed a Complaint alleging that this Court has diversity jurisdiction over this matter. Dkt. 1 at 2. For the Court to have diversity jurisdiction, the amount in controversy must exceed \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and the litigation must be between citizens of different states. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). For diversity jurisdiction purposes, "the citizenship of an LLC is the citizenship of each of its members." *Thomas v. Guardsmark, LLC*, 487 F.3d 531, 534 (7th Cir. 2007). For LLCs, parties must "work back through the ownership structure until [reaching] either individual human beings or a formal corporation with a state of incorporation and a state of principal place of business." *Baez-Sanchez v. Sessions*, 862 F.3d 638, 641 (7th Cir. 2017); *Thomas*, 487 F.3d at 534. Here, Plaintiff is an LLC but does not identify each of its members or their citizenship. See dkt. 1 at 1–2.

Counsel has an obligation to analyze subject-matter jurisdiction, *Heinen v. Northrop Grumman Corp.*, 671 F.3d 669, 670 (7th Cir. 2012), and "[a] federal court must assure itself of subject matter jurisdiction in every case," *Boim v. American Muslims for Palestine*, 9 F.4th 545, 551–52 (7th Cir. 2021). The Court's obligation includes knowing the details of the underlying jurisdictional allegations. *See Evergreen Square of Cudahy v. Wis. Hous. and Econ. Dev. Auth.*, 776 F.3d 463, 465 (7th Cir. 2015) ("[T]he parties' united front is irrelevant since the parties cannot confer subject-matter jurisdiction by agreement . . . and federal courts are obligated to inquire into the existence of jurisdiction *sua sponte*.").

Therefore, the Court **ORDERS** Plaintiff to file a jurisdictional statement **by October 20, 2022**, addressing the issue identified in this order.

SO ORDERED.

Date: 9/21/2022


James Patrick Hanlon
United States District Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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